

# **LEDLEY HALL BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB TRUST LIMITED COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

## **REPORT OF THE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS**

### **YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

The members and directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the financial statements and applicable accounting standards, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice. They have also had regard for any other information required by the charity's governing document.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

<b>Registered charity name</b>	Ledley Hall Boys' and Girls' Club Trust Limited
<b>Charity registration number</b>	NIC103603
<b>Company number</b>	NI 014357
<b>Registered office</b>	1 Ledley Hall Close, Beersbridge Road, Belfast, BT5 4SW
<b>Company secretary</b>	George Cinnamon
<b>Auditor</b>	GMcG Belfast, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor, Alfred House, 19 Alfred Street, Belfast, BT2 8EQ
<b>Bankers</b>	Danske Bank, Donegall Square West, Belfast, BT1 6JS
<b>Solicitors</b>	Carson McDowell, Murray House, Murray Street, Belfast, BT1 6HS

#### **TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY**

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of charity law. The terms "director" and "trustee" are used interchangeably throughout the financial statements. The trustees who have served during the year were as follows:

John Cross  
Harold Jacobs  
George Cinnamon  
Jill Lindsay  
Reggie Morrow

#### **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Board of Ledley Hall Boys' and Girls' Club Trust Limited confirm that they have had due regard for the guidance produced on public benefit by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, and are pleased to report that during the year the charitable company has continued to provide public benefits through the programmes and services we offer. In particular, the directors consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set out.

#### **PUBLIC BENEFITS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the charitable company during the year continued to be the promotion of the charitable objects of assisting in the social welfare, education and physical well-being of young people

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from areas of social deprivation.

Ledley Hall's strategic objective is to help young people take control of their lives. We work in partnership with children and young people as they seek to meet their personal, social, emotional, cultural, political and physical needs. We offer young people guidance and support and encourage them to excel. Leading by example, we promote values such as trust, honesty and friendship and dare young people to dream. In working to achieve these aims we will strive to create a climate of mutual respect, understanding and equality.

We achieve this strategic objective by operating a Youth Club in dedicated premises. We have done this since 1942. We deliver services to young people in the 5-25 age range. This centre operates full-time over 7 days and has over 300 registered members.

Much of what we have stated in previous trustees reports is still applicable. Our strategic objectives remain as before namely to assist young people in regard to taking control of their lives. Our aim is to provide a safe and secure environment for our young people, a home from home, a place where young people have opportunities for fun, making memories and learning in an informal way. We provide one-to-one support for young people and have an on-site counsellor.

In participation with businesses for example the Co-op, Allied bakeries Mash Direct , Greggs and through the Neighbourly, FareShare program from Marks & Spencer Tesco and Sainsbury we offer meals to our young people every day. If we have left anyone out from our benefactors please forgive us but rest assured that the contribution is much appreciated.

There is always meals available free of charge and we have noted an increased demand for this type of provision. Poverty is a very real concern to us in the area where we operate.

We have started a program called "Take what you need and give what you can". This program provides free food, sanitary products to young people, free haircuts for young men, pre-loved school uniforms collected and re-distributed. We work with funders to provide support in relation to gas and electric. Social deprivation unfortunately continues to focus our effort.

Our activities include breakfast club, dinner club and community giving tables. We offer young people the opportunity to participate in a range of personal and social development opportunities, informal educational opportunities and accreditations. We facilitate a range of sporting opportunities including our IABA (Irish amateur boxing Association) affiliated boxing club.

We continue to receive significant feedback of a positive nature in relation to our homework club.

We would be the first to say that we are not perfect and always look to learn.

We work closely with the Education Authority and appreciate at all times the help that they give us and we endeavour to comply fully with their advice and recommendations.

We believe in embedding emotional health and well-being in a framework that involves a considerable emphasis being placed on these issues leading to an early support through a range of targeted programs including in particular an in-house counselling service, referrals to family support hub or other specialist agencies. We continually self-evaluate.

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#### **PUBLIC BENEFITS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES** *(continued)*

Direct beneficiaries of course are our membership. Indirectly, for instance, parents are supported through their children availing of additional support mechanisms within the community. The wider community benefits when young people are equipped to play their part in the community and we would respectfully submit that we assist young people so to do.

We have regard to public benefit and endeavour to be guided by the Charity commission from Northern Ireland. There is no private profit or benefit derived from our operations. All is done for the Public Benefit.

#### **Volunteers**

The charity is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provision and fund-raising. It is estimated that over 4,992 volunteer hours were provided during the year. If this is conservatively valued at the average minimum wage for workers aged 21 years and older for the year of £9.34 an hour the volunteer effort amounts to over £46,625.

We recognise the contributions has been made over the last 80 years by innumerable people in our community.

We would conclude by thanking all those who have worked with us to help us achieve our objectives and our young people.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

Total income for the year was £141,595 (2022 - £234,667). Income from donations and legacies amounted to £141,422 (2022 - £234,551) and income from investments amounted to £173 (2022 - £116).

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £137,685 (2022 - £191,767). The cost of charitable activities amounted to £137,685 (2022 - £191,767).

The net income for the year amounted to £3,910 (2022 - £42,900 net income) and has been transferred to accumulated funds.

The results for the financial year are set out fully in the financial statements.

The directors consider the company's financial position at the date of the balance sheet to be satisfactory and that the charity is in a satisfactory position to carry on its charitable activities.

To paraphrase a famous advertising slogan we were born 1942 and are still going strong.

We were conceived on the battlefields of Italy. Our founder Bob Yarr fighting his way up through Italy with the Allies conceived a time of peace. He determined if he got back home that he would devote himself to working with young people. He was joined by his good friend Bill Robson also fought in the same war. Ironically we have existed through violent and peaceful times since then.

This therefore has been a significant year for us and we marked the occasion in various ways culminating in a banquet in the City Hall as the guests of the High Sheriff of Belfast Dr. John Kyle, at which we celebrated everything great about Ledley Hall, especially its people, our young people and volunteers and their commitment to our young people over decades of service, we also celebrated our

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sporting excellence at this event with a boxing tournament, only the second planned boxing tournament ever to take place in Belfast City Hall.

Another significant event occurred. You will no doubt appreciate how pleased we were to be awarded the Kings Award for Voluntary Service, one of only 7 organisations in Northern Ireland to receive this prestigious award, in the first of HM King Charles KAVS. This is a significant award recognising all the effort that went in to develop the club over the years through voluntary effort. The award will be presented locally by the Lord-Lieutenant early next year and representatives of the organisation will also attend a Royal Garden party.

The year was also marked when we received the Silver Award for Makaton, currently the highest award given by the Makaton Charity for communication excellence. We are the only youth club in Northern Ireland to hold the Makaton award and the only organisation to hold the award at Silver. This is a programme which enables communication to take place with young people who have additional communication needs.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### **Funding**

The principal funding is from grants and donations.

##### **Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the charity to maintain free reserves which matches the needs of the trust, both at the current time and in the foreseeable future. This provides sufficient funds to cover running costs which include management, administration and support costs. Free reserves are those unrestricted reserves not designated nor invested in fixed assets which are available for general use.

Our reserves in terms of contingency funds have been depleted since the year end due to a large redundancy payment to three members of staff. Unfortunately, when a particular program we were running for the Education Authority came to an end, a large redundancy payment fell due. Redundancy payments are not met by the Education Authority.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### **Governing document**

Ledley Hall Boys' and Girls' Club Trust Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1.

##### **Recruitment, appointment, induction and training**

Many of the present members have been involved in the charity for a number of years and so are familiar with its work. The members regularly review the requirements of the charity and the possibility of a need for additional members. Any new members would be appointed by applying in writing to the Council for admission and be proposed by a member. The Council may reject the application or if not the Council will submit the application to the next annual general meeting of the Trust or to an extraordinary general meeting convened at the direction of the Council. The applicant shall be approved by an extraordinary resolution of the members of the Trust passed by a majority of those present.

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#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT *(continued)*

##### Recruitment, appointment, induction and training *(continued)*

Michelle Fullerton carries out the day to day management of the charity and has delegated authority for operational matters including finance and staffing. The directors manage all other business decisions and meet on a quarterly basis.

##### Organisational structure and related parties

The members and directors oversee the running of charity. The related parties are the members, directors and their close family.

##### Risk management

The directors have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has in place an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise, to provide reasonable assurance that;

- the charity is operating efficiently and effectively;
- its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition;
- proper records are maintained and financial information used within the charity or for publication is reliable;
- the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations; and
- the charity's systems of financial control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The members and directors have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to major risks. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the premises. These procedures are periodically reviewed at least annually to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

#### PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Ledley Hall Boys' and Girls' Club will continue to promote the improvement of social welfare, the fostering of community harmony, the improvement of health and physical well-being and the advancement of education in Northern Ireland. In particular we will address the needs of young people as they arise. We consider flexibility to be a very important aspect of meeting the needs of the young people.

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Ledley Hall Boys' and Girls' Club Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

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- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 and The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### Small companies' exemption

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Disclosure of Information to Auditors

So far as each of the directors in office at the date of approval of these financial statements is aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

GMcG Belfast have indicated their willingness to remain in office and a resolution for their re-election will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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Beersbridge Road  
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Signed by order of the board



Harold Jacobs  
Chairman

Approved by the directors on ..... 26/01/2024 .....